

HISTORY OF MINERAL COUNTY
AND KEYSER

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1. Who were the first white men of record to pass through Keyser?

George Savage & William Mayo-employed by Lord Fairfax in 1776. Savage River named after George

2. Lord Fairfax owned all of the land in what is now Keyser.

To whom did he make the first land grant in what is now Keyser?

1752 to Chris Beeler - 327½ acres

What year? in 1752

How large was the grant? Lincoln Street to Potomac State Farm

3. In the first 100 years after this grant was made how many owners

were there of it? Mary Kyger Beeler - James Mosely until 1882

List them.

4. Where is the oldest house in Keyser? Old Stone House - Armstrong Street

5. Name eight others that are standing today that were built before 1860.

Methodist Parsonage-104 E. Piedmont, Montgomery House-119 Center, Harmon Store, Blundon Apts., Creed Taylor-last house on Lincoln St., Old Hotel on Mozelle, Markles's Store, Dr. From's residence-Old Car-skaden House.

6. What was the location of the first house in Keyser?

1700's on Welch Street (Beeler-Kyger house)

7. When did the B & O Railroad reach Keyser? 1852

8. When was the first Post Office established here? Oct. 30, 1811 Isaac McCall (Paddytown, Va.)

9. Name six industries (factory) established here prior to 1899.

Paddytown Iron & Salt, Shoe factory, Hughes Glove & Mitten, Stoneware Jar, Cigar factory, Richardson Furniture, Spinning Factory, See's Chair Factory, Nesbicare Drug Co.

10. When was Keyser incorporated? 1866-73 (New Creek) Nov. 16, 1874 changed to Keyser
Name the first mayor and the councilmen. (Keyser named after 1st vicepresident of B. & O.) J.T. Hote-first mayor

11. When was Mineral county formed? Feb. 1, 1876

Where did the first county court meet? Piedmont

Who were the first county officers?

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12. Who gave the land for the Court House? Col. T. B. Davis - 1 acre

Who built it? _____

13. Name seven (7) men who were the most prominent residents here
in their time prior to 1900.

Col. Pat MacCarty - Iron Works

Angus McDonald (Old Stone House)

Ed McCarty Mosely

Col. T. B. Davis

James I. Barrick-last mayor of Washington, D.C.

James Trout

Tom Carskadon

14. How did Keyser celebrate Lee's surrender in 1865?

1877 street lights were put in

15. Where is Hominy Island?

Long's Island

16. What is the first recorded ordinance of the Town of Keyser?

prevent ill treatment of women

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